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Action

MEMORANDUM

April 28, 2011

TO: Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee
FROM: *CHS*
Charles H. Sherer, Legislative Analyst
SUBJECT: FY12 Budget Adjustments for two County Government NDAs

Background In a memorandum dated April 25, 2011, the Executive sent to the Council some adjustments to his FY12 Recommended Operating Budget. This memorandum presents adjustments for two County Government NDAs.

Council staff recommendation Approve both amendments. They are not items that the Council can put on the reconciliation list.

1. NDA - Municipal Tax Duplication

Increase Cost: Revised Speed Camera Revenues To Municipalities: \$162,210

The County Executive recommends an adjustment to the March 15 CE Recommended municipal speed camera amount of \$235,220, for a total of \$397,430. In order to efficiently and effectively deploy speed detection cameras within municipalities, the Executive has negotiated Memorandums of Agreement (MOAs) with Chevy Chase View, Kensington, Poolesville, Barnesville, and Laytonsville for sharing speed camera revenues collected in the municipalities. Under approved amendments to State Law, municipalities are authorized to deploy their own speed cameras. However, since the County has an existing program, it was more efficient and served broader public safety purposes to deploy these cameras under the auspices of the County's speed camera program, provided the municipalities received the same amount of revenues (net of expenses) they would be due as if they operated these cameras on their own. The following distributions would be made pursuant to the MOA: Chevy Chase View (\$90,060); Kensington (\$188,360); Poolesville (\$43,060); Gainesville (\$47,920); and Laytonsville (\$28,030).

2. NDA - State Property Tax Services

Increase Cost to Reimburse State For Property Tax Assessments: \$5,203,000

The County Executive recommends adding \$5,203,000 to reimburse the State for the cost of property tax assessments. House GUI 72 (Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act) requires the counties and Baltimore City to reimburse the State for 90% of the costs of real and business personal property valuation and related information technology expenditures in fiscal 2012 and 2013, and 50% of the costs thereafter.